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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JULY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED AUGUST 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,961.6	1,759.2	202.4	10.3	1,956.0	1,744.1	211.9	10.8	2,003.5	1,727.6	275.9	13.8
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.7	56.3	5.4	8.7	61.4	55.7	5.7	9.3	61.8	55.0	6.8	11.0
Baton Rouge 2/	265.4	241.9	23.5	8.9	264.3	239.8	24.5	9.3	262.7	233.2	29.5	11.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.2	63.0	9.2	12.7	72.8	62.9	9.9	13.6	77.8	62.4	15.4	19.8
Lafayette 4/	100.6	89.9	10.7	10.6	100.3	89.0	11.3	11.2	108.1	90.8	17.3	16.0
Lake Charles 5/	76.7	67.9	8.8	11.5	77.8	68.7	9.1	11.8	76.0	64.6	11.4	15.0
Monroe 6/	70.3	64.2	6.1	8.6	70.5	64.0	6.5	9.2	70.4	63.6	6.8	9.6
New Orleans 7/	604.7	550.6	54.1	9.0	602.5	546.9	55.6	9.2	610.6	540.5	70.1	11.5
Shreveport 8/	163.5	148.1	15.4	9.4	164.9	148.5	16.4	9.9	168.5	148.9	19.6	11.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,483,600 for August, a decrease of 3,300 from July's revised level and 16,000 lower than August a year ago. A decrease in the state's nonmanufacturing payrolls was responsible for the downturn in total nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing employment was higher for the current month.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 75,200 for August, was 1,000 higher than July's figure and 3,200 more than the year-ago figure. Fabricated metal products employment increased by 400 for August as a result of an increase in the manufacture of certain miscellaneous fabricated metal products. Payrolls were up in the machinery, except electrical, industry due to increased demands for oil field machinery and equipment. Transportation equipment employment was higher due to increased activity at the state's shipyards.

Nondurable goods employment, at 92,900, showed no net change from last month. A seasonal decrease in the canning of seafood primarily accounted for the downturn in food and kindred products. More business in several segments of the chemicals and allied products sector resulted in higher employment for this industry.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,315,500, was 4,300 below last month's level of 1,319,800, and 18,200 workers below the August 1986 figure. Both segments of mining contributed equally to the decrease in mining employment this month. An increase in activity in heavy construction and in certain miscellaneous special trade contractors accounted for the increase in total construction payrolls. Less business for the state's ports was largely responsible for the downturn in transportation and public utilities. Trade employment was up as a result of increased hiring in the retail trade segment. Banking was among the many segments of finance, insurance and real estate that lost employment in August. Among the segments of services contributing to payroll gains in this area of nonmanufacturing were business services and educational services. Government employment was down due to a decrease in local government payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 121,500 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $450.17 in July to $449.28 in August, a decrease of $0.89 but an increase of $7.45 above August of last year. Average hourly earnings were ten cents lower in August than last month and $0.23 higher than August a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.6 for the current month, up by 0.3 hours from July's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for August totaled 202,400, a decrease of 9,500 from July's revised level of 211,900. The unemployment rate for August was 10.3 percent, compared to 10.8 percent for July and 13.8 percent for August 1986. The national unemployment rate for August was 5.8 percent compared to 6.1 percent in July and 6.7 percent for August of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,956,000 in July to 1,961,600 in August, an increase of 5,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,744,100 in July to 1,759,200 in August, a gain of 15,100.

The state's unemployment rate should continue to decline for the next thirty days. Nonmanufacturing employment may increase while manufacturing employment may fall.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change from July 1987	Net Change from August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,483.6	1,486.9	1,499.6	- 3.3	-16.0
MINING	60.4	60.6	59.8	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.6	57.7	56.9	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	85.0	83.9	91.3	+ 1.1	- 6.3
MANUFACTURING	168.1	167.1	165.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Durable Goods	75.2	74.2	72.0	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.3	12.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.9	8.7	8.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.4	7.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	22.5	22.1	19.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.0	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	92.9	92.9	93.9	0	- 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	20.5	20.8	21.5	- 0.3	- 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	7.9	8.0	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	12.0	12.1	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.7	10.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.2	26.0	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.8	12.7	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.8	107.3	105.8	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.8	60.2	57.9	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Water Transportation	24.0	24.6	22.6	- 0.6	+ 1.4
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.6	41.7	42.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.4	18.9	0	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.2	23.3	23.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	359.4	359.2	367.6	+ 0.2	- 8.2
Wholesale Trade	80.4	80.8	83.6	- 0.4	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.8	44.0	47.1	- 0.2	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.8	36.5	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	279.0	278.4	284.0	+ 0.6	- 5.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.4	58.1	59.2	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Food Stores	56.5	56.8	54.5	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.1	29.9	31.1	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	82.8	82.6	86.4	+ 0.2	- 3.6
Other Retail Trade	51.2	51.0	52.8	+ 0.2	- 1.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change from July 1987	Net Change from August 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.3	84.6	85.9	- 0.3	- 1.6
Banking	25.6	25.7	26.6	- 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	316.1	315.6	315.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.9	23.2	21.9	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Personal Services	14.6	14.7	14.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Business Services	55.5	54.9	55.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	10.1	0	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.0	6.9	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.3	10.4	10.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Health Services	98.2	98.1	96.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Legal Services	15.5	15.5	14.7	0	+ 0.8
Educational Services	16.7	16.1	18.3	+ 0.6	- 1.6
Social Services	17.5	17.6	17.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.8	26.6	- 0.2	- 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	16.4	16.5	16.4	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	303.5	308.6	307.4	- 5.1	- 3.9
Federal	36.2	36.3	35.8	- 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	267.3	272.3	271.6	- 5.0	- 4.3
State	91.3	92.4	94.0	- 1.1	- 2.7
Local	176.0	179.9	177.6	- 3.9	- 1.6

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$449.28	$450.17	$441.83	41.6	41.3	41.8	$10.80	$10.90	$10.57
Durable Goods	401.53	394.36	395.50	40.6	40.2	41.5	9.89	9.81	9.53
Lumber & Wood Products	349.43	348.08	345.82	42.1	42.5	42.8	8.30	8.19	8.08
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	357.24	370.37	368.77	39.3	40.7	38.9	9.09	9.10	9.48
Fabricated Metal Products	409.78	425.39	392.26	41.9	43.9	43.2	9.78	9.69	9.08
Machinery, ex. Electrical	420.34	407.12	393.74	44.2	42.9	41.1	9.51	9.49	9.58
Electric & Electronic Equip.	454.96	439.11	476.51	37.2	36.2	41.4	12.23	12.13	11.51
Transportation Equipment—	434.66	404.43	429.52	39.3	36.6	41.3	11.06	11.05	10.40
Nondurable Goods	492.15	498.38	482.47	42.5	42.2	42.1	11.58	11.81	11.46
Food & Kindred Products	308.83	302.12	330.96	39.9	39.7	42.0	7.74	7.61	7.88
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.37	206.98	184.60	38.4	38.4	34.7	5.27	5.39	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	548.66	585.23	559.21	42.4	43.0	42.3	12.94	13.61	13.22
Printing & Publishing	385.92	396.58	396.08	39.1	39.5	39.1	9.87	10.04	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	690.48	701.16	661.72	45.1	45.5	44.5	15.31	15.41	14.87
Petroleum & Coal Products	673.81	693.32	670.76	45.9	46.5	46.1	14.68	14.91	14.55
Petroleum Refining	684.83	705.17	682.62	45.9	46.7	46.5	14.92	15.10	14.68
MINING	551.59	566.91	543.35	48.3	47.8	46.8	11.42	11.86	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	530.80	522.10	520.66	40.0	40.1	40.9	13.27	13.02	12.73
BANKING	262.75	257.94	264.32	39.1	38.1	38.7	6.72	6.77	6.83

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 93,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 08 87				REVISED 07 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,825	20,425	3,400	14.3	23,700	20,175	3,525	14.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,625	8,475	1,150	11.9	9,600	8,375	1,225	12.8
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,625	5,150	1,475	22.2	6,700	5,100	1,600	24.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,875	14,175	2,700	16.0	16,200	13,500	2,700	16.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,425	12,875	1,550	10.8	14,425	12,750	1,675	11.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,675	6,000	675	10.1	6,625	5,925	700	10.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,525	4,000	525	11.7	4,450	3,900	550	12.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,725	4,400	325	7.0	4,750	4,375	375	8.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,675	3,950	725	15.3	4,575	3,825	750	16.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,825	7,125	700	9.1	7,725	6,975	750	9.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,300	9,025	1,275	12.5	10,150	8,800	1,350	13.3
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,950	11,550	1,400	10.7	12,975	11,500	1,475	11.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,425	3,775	650	14.8	4,450	3,625	825	18.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,950	8,050	900	10.0	8,850	7,900	950	10.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,050	12,175	1,875	13.4	13,725	11,825	1,900	13.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,475	7,375	1,100	13.0	8,325	7,175	1,150	13.7
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,975	725	10.7	6,500	5,750	750	11.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,900	23,375	4,525	16.2	27,975	23,075	4,900	17.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,025	10,175	1,850	15.4	12,075	10,100	1,975	16.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,375	6,825	550	7.4	7,250	6,675	575	8.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,550	11,750	1,800	13.3	13,250	11,325	1,925	14.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,900	6,200	700	10.0	6,825	6,100	725	10.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,325	16,475	850	4.9	17,325	16,400	925	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,200	5,225	975	15.7	6,075	5,075	1,000	16.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,650	11,175	1,475	11.7	12,475	10,950	1,525	12.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,400	15,900	1,500	8.6	17,225	15,625	1,600	9.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,700	8,650	1,050	11.0	9,675	8,525	1,150	11.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,850	6,550	1,300	16.7	7,800	6,425	1,375	17.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,500	4,075	425	9.4	4,425	4,000	425	9.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,025	7,925	1,100	12.1	8,825	7,650	1,175	13.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,175	850	8.4	10,025	9,125	900	9.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,050	2,675	375	12.3	2,975	2,575	400	13.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,700	7,275	1,425	16.3	8,575	7,225	1,350	15.7
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,375	28,800	5,575	16.2	34,050	28,325	5,725	16.8
MORGAN CITY (ST MARY)	25,650	21,000	4,650	18.1	25,825	20,750	5,075	19.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,525	35,425	5,100	12.6	40,100	34,825	5,275	13.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,575	3,275	300	8.5	3,475	3,150	325	9.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,600	850	10.0	8,275	7,375	900	10.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,100	17,850	3,250	15.5	21,100	17,625	3,475	16.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	20,275	18,750	1,525	7.6	19,975	18,350	1,625	8.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,700	16,625	2,075	11.1	18,450	16,325	2,125	11.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,050	16,750	2,300	12.0	19,050	16,625	2,425	12.8
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,950	4,125	825	16.6	4,675	3,825	850	18.3
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	3,900	350	8.5	4,225	3,825	400	9.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,775	5,275	500	8.6	5,800	5,275	525	9.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.6	45.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	11.0	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	11.0	- 0.1	0
Health Services	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.1	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.5	9.3	9.6	+ 0.2	- 0.1
State	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Local	4.7	4.5	4.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 for the month of August. This estimate was 100 less than July and 200 more than August of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during August was estimated at 3,400. This was unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than August of last year. The increase since August of last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during August. This estimate was 100 less than July and 100 more than August of last year. Since last month slight losses occurred in retail trade, health services, and federal government. Increased employment occurred in local education. Compared to last August, nonmanufacturing employment has experienced an increase. Gains occurred in wholesale and retail trade and federal government, while transportation and state government showed reductions.

The local unemployment rate should decline during the next thirty days as summer job seekers return to school, and employment in education returns to its normal level for the fall semester.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.8	211.8	210.6	0	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	19.1	18.9	18.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.3	4.1	4.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.8	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	14.8	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.9	1.8	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.4	10.3	10.4	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	19.9	19.7	20.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.1	52.8	52.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.6	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	42.0	41.7	41.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	14.0	0	- 0.5
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	42.1	42.5	41.2	- 0.4	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	52.5	52.7	52.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
State and Local	50.4	50.6	50.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	28.8	29.0	28.8	- 0.2	0
Local	21.6	21.6	21.7	0	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$502.53	$513.52	$514.60	41.6	42.3	41.5	$12.08	$12.14	$12.40
Petro-Chemicals	677.97	656.21	706.10	46.5	45.1	46.7	14.58	14.55	15.12

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,800 during August, was unchanged from the revised July total and up 1,200 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,100 in August was up 200 during the current period. Fabricated metal products were up due to more business in fabricated structural metal products and in miscellaneous fabricated metal products. Other durable goods were up due to more business in secondary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals and in miscellaneous machinery, except electrical. Food and kindred products were down due to less business in dairy products and in miscellaneous food preparations and kindred products. Chemical and petroleum products were up due to more business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 200 during August. Construction was up due to more business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities were down due to students returning to school. Retail trade was up due to the opening of a new grocery store and more business in eating and drinking places. Services were down due to less business in personnel supply services, in miscellaneous repair shops and related services, and seasonal declines in amusement and recreation services. Government was down due to additional seasonal decreases in colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $502.53, down $10.99 from the revised July average. Average weekly hours, at 41.6, were down 0.7 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.08, were down six cents per hour. Less overtime at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 241,900 during August, up 1,100 from July's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 23,500, was down 1,000 during the current period. The unemployment rate for August was 8.9 percent, compared to 9.3 percent for July and 11.2 percent for August a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force was 264,300 during the current period.

Seasonal increases in retail trade and education are expected to raise employment levels during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,911 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,994 applicants in jobs during August.

The consumer price index for July, 1987 for all urban consumers was 340.8 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 335.6 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.6	52.8	53.7	- 0.2	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	5.1	0	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	2.0	0	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.3	6.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.7	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Water Transportation	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.8	13.7	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	11.2	11.2	10.7	0	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.4	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	8.7	8.6	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.9	10.1	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.4	9.6	9.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
State	2.5	2.6	2.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	6.9	7.0	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in August tapered off to 52,600, a level 200 below July. Changes were scattered and minor.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300 in August. There were no changes in either durable goods or nondurable goods over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment decreased 800.

State and local government exhibited further summer downward adjustments in educational services. Mining eased down. Water transportation showed a small decrease. More favorably, services were boosted by a small gain in private health services. Both wholesale and retail trade held steady. Construction displayed no significant change. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained at the same level.

Estimated unemployment in August moved down to 9,200; this figure is 700 below that of July. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 12.7 percent of the labor force compared to 13.6 percent in July and 19.8 percent in August of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,710.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a seasonal increase. Both state and local educational services will pull back up from the summer low. Unemployment is expected to show some decrease.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.7	59.7	56.9	- 1.0	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	11.0	10.9	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.8	10.9	0	- 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.5	11.4	10.5	- 0.9	0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	9.8	10.7	9.8	- 0.9	0
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.1	7.0	6.2	- 0.9	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,700, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous month, but 1,800 above August of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to grow with an increase of 100 in other durable goods.

Transportation and public utilities, as well as the wholesale and retail trade sector, decreased by 100 from last month. Government dropped by 900 due to summer youth employment ending in the month of August.

All other sectors showed no change.

Employment in the Lake Charles LMA should increase and the unemployment rate should decrease due to seasonal employment factors.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.4	82.2	84.9	+ 0.2	- 2.5
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.7	5.7	0	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	2.9	3.8	+ 0.3	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	6.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.9	21.8	22.9	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	5.0	4.9	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	17.8	0	- 0.9
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.2	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.9	17.8	18.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.6	12.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.6	11.8	11.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	4.3	4.3	4.4	0	- 0.1
Local	7.3	7.5	7.3	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,400 for August 1987. This estimate is 200 more than July's estimate but is 2,500 less than August of last year.

Construction was the only sector that showed a sizable gain of 300 for August. This figure is still 600 below August 1986. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 from July's estimate but showed a 100 drop from August 1986 estimates. Services increased by 100 for August but showed a decrease of 100 from this time last year. Government decreased by 200 from July's estimate and is also down by 200 from August 1986.

All other sectors showed little or no change from last month's estimates.

Employment should increase slightly over the next 30 days due to seasonal hiring in the trade and construction sectors, and the unemployment rate should continue to decrease.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.5	55.4	55.3	- 0.9	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.0	7.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.7	0.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.9	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	15.0	15.6	- 0.3	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	11.3	11.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	3.0	3.4	- 0.3	- 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.5	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.8	11.2	10.0	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.6	9.4	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	4.2	4.1	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	6.0	6.5	5.6	- 0.5	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,500, was 900 below the July estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was 100 above the July estimate. The gain was in durable goods.

Government, with a loss of 400 workers, reflects the end of special summer programs for youth. Wholesale and retail trade lost 300 workers as summer workers left to return to school. Construction experienced a minimal loss of 100. Mining lost 200 persons over the month but remained 100 over the year ago figure. Services was down 100.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment should move slightly upward with the beginning of the fall semester at educational facilities. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.0	510.7	513.4	+ 1.3	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	42.0	42.2	43.3	- 0.2	- 1.3
Durable Goods	20.7	20.6	21.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.1	12.2	+ 0.1	0
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.3	21.6	22.3	- 0.3	- 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	6.2	6.6	6.6	- 0.4	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.1	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	17.0	17.1	16.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.0	16.1	15.1	- 0.1	+ 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	23.8	25.6	+ 0.5	- 1.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.3	42.4	43.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.2	11.5	11.9	- 0.3	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.4	132.6	136.4	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Wholesale Trade	31.5	31.7	33.0	- 0.2	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.3	19.5	- 0.2	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.4	13.5	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	101.9	100.9	103.4	+ 1.0	- 1.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.8	34.0	- 0.4	- 0.6
Banking	7.1	7.2	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	131.4	130.3	130.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	88.2	88.5	84.5	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Federal	15.5	15.6	15.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	72.7	72.9	69.3	- 0.2	+ 3.4
State	17.9	17.9	19.2	0	- 1.3
Local	54.8	55.0	50.1	- 0.2	+ 4.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$439.85	$433.30	$439.90	41.3	40.8	41.5	$10.65	$10.62	$10.60
Durable Goods	390.85	372.40	395.60	39.6	38.0	40.7	9.87	9.80	9.72
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	278.02	317.49	346.75	28.9	32.2	33.6	9.62	9.86	10.32
Fabricated Metal Products	436.55	442.17	459.36	44.5	46.3	44.0	9.81	9.55	10.44
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	372.09	329.97	367.85	38.8	34.3	41.1	9.59	9.62	8.95
Nondurable Goods	487.19	490.42	481.08	43.0	43.4	42.2	11.33	11.30	11.40
Food & Kindred Products	357.25	337.40	349.76	41.3	40.7	39.7	8.65	8.29	8.81
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	163.85	173.69	154.33	33.1	34.6	26.7	4.95	5.02	5.78
Paper & Allied Products	388.08	433.24	395.47	44.1	45.7	42.8	8.80	9.48	9.24
Printing & Publishing	367.20	383.53	395.17	40.8	42.1	42.4	9.00	9.11	9.32
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	730.94	761.53	698.20	46.0	47.3	46.3	15.89	16.10	15.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in August increased to 512,000, a level 1,300 above July. The gain was largely in retail trade, services, and construction. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 1,400 workers, with all but a small part of the decrease in manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,000 in August, down 200 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 100 over the previous month. The increase was due to an increase in business in the transportation equipment segment. Nondurable goods showed a decrease of 400 in food and kindred products due to a seasonal downturn in seafood processing. Petroleum and coal products increased 100 due to more business in this segment. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,300.

Services were boosted by gains in most segments of this industry division. Retail trade pushed up strongly. Construction added workers. Less favorably, finance, insurance and real estate made downward adjustments. Mining tapered off. Water transportation moved down to a lower level. Government showed normal late summer changes.

Production workers in the area earned an overage of $439.85 per week in August, up $6.55 from last months average. Average weekly hours went up 30 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went up three cents over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down five cents in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in August decreased to 54,100, a level 1,500 below July. The increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.0 percent of the labor force compared to 9.2 percent in July and 11.5 percent in July of last year. The August rate was lower than the state rate of 10.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 13,305.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming month will probably show a seasonal increase. Private and public educational services will pull back up from the summer low. Retail trade will benefit from back-to-school shopping. Services will be favored by autumn sports and cultural events. Unemployment is expected to show some decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	129.0	129.9	134.0	- 0.9	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	18.4	18.4	19.0	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.1	0	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.9	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.3	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.3	3.2	3.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	8.2	8.0	8.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.6	0	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.9	29.7	31.7	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.3	7.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	22.7	22.4	23.9	+ 0.3	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.6	7.6	7.8	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	31.5	31.7	31.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	22.2	23.4	23.6	- 1.2	- 1.4
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	17.5	18.7	19.1	- 1.2	- 1.6
State	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	- 0.2
Local	11.4	12.6	12.8	- 1.2	- 1.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.01	$441.52	$452.23	39.4	38.9	41.0	$11.32	$11.35	$11.03
Lumber and Wood Products	262.41	266.56	242.45	36.7	38.8	37.3	7.15	6.87	6.50
Metals and Machinery	464.49	457.08	439.32	39.7	39.0	42.0	11.70	11.72	10.46
Food and Kindred Products	255.25	308.90	318.16	35.5	39.4	41.0	7.19	7.84	7.76
Printing and Publishing	310.75	310.53	303.12	33.2	33.0	33.2	9.36	9.41	9.13
Petroleum and Coal Products	564.98	577.36	522.76	46.5	46.3	43.6	12.15	12.47	11.99

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate for the Shreveport labor market area was 129,000, compared to the revised July estimate of 129,900 and the August 1986 estimate of 134,000.

The manufacturing employment estimate of 18,400 remained unchanged from the revised July total, but is 600 less than the year ago estimate. The job losses that occurred during the past year were equally divided between durable and nondurable goods manufacturing. Durable goods employment, at 13,200, was down from 13,500 one year ago due to less demand for lumber and wood products and metals and machinery products. For the same period, nondurable goods employment declined from 5,500 to 5,200, due to decreased production of petroleum products, and decreases in printing and publishing and food and kindred products manufacturing.

Employment gains occurred in mining, up from 3,200 in July to 3,300 for August, while construction increased from 7,900 to 8,200. Total trade employment increased from 29,700 to 29,900 during the past month. Payroll reductions in the local government and services sectors were more than enough to offset those gains. Payroll reductions in the public schools resulted in the most significant employment change.

The 13,700 production workers in manufacturing in this area had average weekly earnings of $446.01, an increase of $4.49 from last month, but $6.22 less than one year ago. The average weekly hours of 39.4 are up 0.5 hours from last month and 1.6 hours down from August 1986. Average weekly earnings, at $11.32, are three cents less than last month but $0.29 more than one year ago.

Seasonal changes will bring about increased employment, while unemployment drops from the present level. Educational services should return to normal as the 1987-88 school year begins. New industry will bring about small gains in manufacturing employment.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1987

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,785	2,378	407	40	32	8	32	23	9
Contractural Construction (15-17)	13,455	9,787	3,668	226	193	33	2,523	1,946	577
Manufacturing (20-29)	5,487	3,031	2,456	83	47	36	299	171	128
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	2,774	1,700	1,074	52	40	12	265	152	113
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,723	1,162	561	79	61	18	214	127	87
Retail Trade (52-59)	8,820	5,352	3,468	272	191	81	858	499	359
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,675	1,303	372	28	23	5	251	188	63
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	12,472	6,709	5,763	479	226	253	1,430	782	648
Public Administration (91-97)	1,989	954	1,035	67	32	35	244	111	133
All Others	287	142	145	1	1	0	83	29	54
Totals	51,467	32,518	18,949	1,327	846	481	6,199	4,028	2,171
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	7,268	5,615	1,653	241	161	80	937	687	250
Clerical and Sales	11,617	8,369	3,248	359	284	75	1,359	917	442
Services Occupations	6,427	1,933	4,494	248	61	187	653	189	464
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	449	208	241	20	10	10	13	10	3
Processing Occupations	1,088	502	586	11	8	3	81	36	45
Machine Trades	2,181	1,566	615	63	50	13	240	186	54
Benchwork Occupations	1,493	708	785	21	12	9	69	51	18
Structural Work Occupations	13,162	9,219	3,943	230	180	50	2,242	1,644	598
Miscellaneous Occupations	7,782	4,398	3,384	134	80	54	605	308	297
Totals	51,467	32,518	18,949	1,327	846	481	6,199	4,028	2,171

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1987

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	241	215	26	442	373	69	61	53	8
Contractural Construction (15-17)	399	318	81	405	290	115	1,150	966	184
Manufacturing (20-29)	318	238	80	203	133	70	123	93	30
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	173	145	28	117	90	27	126	82	44
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	101	74	27	117	88	29	62	56	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	345	262	83	537	340	197	355	259	96
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	37	34	3	112	92	20	41	36	5
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	323	240	83	539	368	171	339	218	121
Public Administration (91-97)	107	60	47	85	45	40	43	32	11
All Others	13	11	2	15	12	3	2	1	1
Totals	2,057	1,597	460	2,572	1,831	741	2,302	1,796	506
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	261	239	22	454	394	60	243	206	37
Clerical and Sales	366	315	51	697	576	121	433	355	78
Services Occupations	225	109	116	324	122	202	190	79	111
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	21	13	8	30	21	9	12	8	4
Processing Occupations	109	64	45	50	26	24	49	28	21
Machine Trades	73	61	12	116	86	30	73	64	9
Benchwork Occupations	19	16	3	54	41	13	31	25	6
Structural Work Occupations	563	459	104	425	285	140	990	847	143
Miscellaneous Occupations	420	321	99	422	280	142	281	184	97
Totals	2,057	1,597	460	2,572	1,831	741	2,302	1,796	506

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1987

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	23	22	1	297	225	72	162	139	23
Contractural Construction (15-17)	400	309	91	3,161	2,047	1,114	506	311	195
Manufacturing (20-29)	145	95	50	1,533	791	742	499	289	210
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	65	35	30	1,186	599	587	177	102	75
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	32	25	7	532	313	219	185	143	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	393	262	131	2,973	1,513	1,460	852	493	359
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	53	46	7	683	485	198	168	131	37
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	302	167	135	4,713	2,293	2,420	913	457	456
Public Administration (91-97)	30	15	15	472	168	304	185	77	108
All Others	7	2	5	84	36	48	9	3	6
Totals	1,450	978	472	15,634	8,470	7,164	3,656	2,145	1,511
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	250	199	51	2,572	1,964	608	505	408	97
Clerical and Sales	418	323	95	4,002	2,527	1,475	1,100	816	284
Services Occupations	151	40	111	2,448	547	1,901	558	125	433
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	12	5	7	71	31	40	47	17	30
Processing Occupations	11	7	4	240	107	133	39	22	17
Machine Trades	88	62	26	598	410	188	206	115	91
Benchwork Occupations	25	16	9	458	133	325	169	89	80
Structural Work Occupations	282	221	61	2,980	1,772	1,208	569	342	227
Miscellaneous Occupations	213	105	108	2,265	979	1,286	463	211	252
Totals	1,450	978	472	15,634	8,470	7,164	3,656	2,145	1,511

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